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SAN ANTONIO DOCTOR INDICTED FOR BRIBERY

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that Samuel M. Theagene, M.D., was arrested this morning on a charge of bribery of a public official.

A federal grand jury yesterday returned the one-count indictment charging the operator of the Pain and Neuromuscular Clinic of Texas, P.A. The indictment alleges that between October 3, 2006 and February 21, 2007, Theagene paid an Internal Revenue Service revenue officer to absolve his tax liabilities.

Upon conviction, Theagene faces up to 15 years in federal prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine. Theagene, who remains in custody, is scheduled to have a detention hearing Monday at 9:30am in United States Magistrate Court.

This case was investigated by the Department of Treasury's Inspector General for Tax Administration and is being prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorney Judith A. Patton.

An indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until convicted by a court of law.

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